

As Summer Ends, Fall Is A Time For A New Quest

October 22 is National Make a Difference Day and Fall is a great time to consider making a difference as a Volunteer for the Library. The Lynchburg Public Library has volunteer opportunities in Circulation, Youth Services, Outreach, and Technical Services for both students and adults.

For example, this summer twenty-seven student volunteers helped with the Summer Reading Program. The students monitored our morning and afternoon movies, supported the Family Storytime crafts and activities, assisted with the weekly special event programs, and helped with the Thursday Thrills group. The student volunteers developed a variety of leadership skills as they assisted participants and staff.

Volunteers enjoy helping their community and making a difference in the services that are provided at the Library. If you want to get involved and make a difference, consider the Lynchburg Public Library. Applications are available at the Main Library and the Downtown Branch, and can be turned in to the Circulation Desk at either library.



Meet Elisa Rollins, Our New Adult Reference Librarian

"Joining the staff of the Lynchburg Public Library brings me full circle with one of my earliest memories of a library. As a young girl, my mother used to take me to check out books and attend story hour at the Main Library. While I grew up in Bedford County,



Lynchburg was just as much home to me, as I spent a majority of my childhood in the city attending church, running errands, and visiting with friends.

"Upon my return from completing undergraduate and graduate degrees at the Johns Hopkins University, I began my library career at the Bedford Public Library System. My husband and I now reside in Lynchburg and love this area both for its hometown feel and its natural beauty. When not at the library, you can find us spending time in the great outdoors. I look forward to getting to know the names and faces of all Lynchburg's library patrons!"

~ Elisa Rollins

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St. John's Episcopal Church and Friends of the Library Partner to Benefit Children

St. John's Episcopal Church has chosen the Lynchburg Public Library as the recipient of its Centennial Gift to the community. Their donation of \$150,000 will provide a dedicated Storytime Room, to be built adjacent to the Youth area at the Main Library. Friends of the Library will seek additional donations to outfit it with carpeting, decorations, and other furnishings. The 650 sq. ft. addition will provide a colorful, specially equipped room for the library's youngest users. When not being used for programming, the room will be available to caretakers and children for quiet reading.

The Church considered dozens of possibilities, seeking a project which would benefit the community as a whole. The Rev. Bill Watson said, "We felt like reading for children is really the cornerstone of good citizenship and success in life." Library director Lynn Dodge said, "We are honored that our project was chosen for this major community gift and grateful for the Church's confidence in our program. The Youth staff currently provide over 200 age-specific story time sessions annually; all are designed to help build the skills children need to be successful in kindergarten and in life. Having a dedicated, child-focused room will make it even more special for the children."

Friends President Michelle Jackson says the Friends Board responded enthusiastically to St. John's gift. "This is so exciting! The Friends are delighted to partner with St. John's on this project and are committed to raising \$50,000 to decorate and furnish the room."

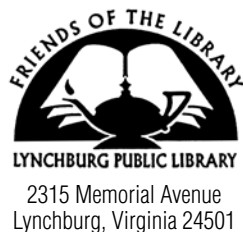
The room will be built at the Plaza end of the Library's building, jutting out into the side parking lot. The lot actually belongs to the Plaza owner, Liberty University. LU has generously offered to donate the land. Lynchburg City Council will officially accept the gift in early fall and an architect will be hired then. The room should be in use by next summer.

Now **mango** languages Goes Where You Go!

Mango Mobile Library Edition is the Mango Languages application for iPhone, iPod Touch and iPad. Free from the App Store, it is now fast and easy to learn a new language on the go! Check out Mango's iPhone app page for more information.

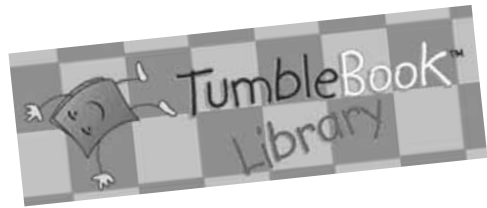
Children's Fall Storytime Schedule

- Registration begins on Tuesday, September 6.
- Registration must be done in person.
- Storytimes begin the week of September 19.
- Complete information about dates, times, and different age groups is available on our website at www.lynchburgva.gov/publiclibrary. Make us one of your favorite bookmarks.



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September is “Get a Library Card” Month

As Lynchburg’s students head back to school this year, the Lynchburg Public Library wants to make sure that all children have the most important school supply of all – a library card. Owning a library card provides students free access to the resources they need to compete academically. For more information on how to sign up for a library card, visit the library in person or visit the library online at www.lynchburgva.gov/publiclibrary.

Kodiak Shredder at the Main Library



Saturday, October 15, from 10 am to 2 pm

The KODIAK Shredding truck is returning to the Main Library. For a donation to the Friends of \$10 per large bag or box, you can safely dispose of your old financial, tax, and personal papers. For more information, call 455-6310.

Reading is Fundamental

Do you know a child aged 9-13 who can read, but doesn’t?



- 1. Studies show what common sense tells us: the more children read, the better they read and the more pleasure they get out of reading.
- 2. Unfortunately, the reverse holds true: children who read very little usually have poor reading skills. Reading is a struggle for them, and they avoid it whenever possible.
- 3. As a parent, you naturally want the best for your children. You know that reading is important, and you probably feel frustrated if your children don’t like to read.

What can you do? Here are five ways to encourage reluctant readers.

- 1. Scout for things your children might like to read. Use their interests and hobbies as starting points.
- 2. Leave all sorts of reading materials – including books, magazines, and colorful catalogs – in conspicuous places around your home.
- 3. Notice what attracts your children’s attention, even if they only look at the pictures. Then build on that interest; read a short selection aloud, or simply bring home more information on the same subject.
- 4. Let your children see you reading for pleasure in your spare time.
- 5. Take your children to the library regularly. Explore the children’s section together. Ask a librarian to suggest books and magazines your children might enjoy.

Provided by Reading Is Fundamental (RIF)

Gifts to the Library

The Friends of the Library have received gifts from the following:

- Sara Birgbauer • Charlotte Smith
- In Memory of Helen Feagans Smith:
- George Costan • Marianne Galloway • Todd and Terri Swisher & Family
- Mr. & Mrs. Eldon Easter • Mr. & Mrs. William Aiken
- Staff of Bridges Treatment Center
- In Memory of Nataliyia Michelle Daniluk: Marilyn “Happy” MacMillian

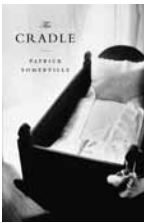
Patron of the Month

Beginning in February of this year, the Lynchburg Public Library has celebrated a Patron (or Patron Family) of the Month. While we value everyone who visits the library, some patrons deserve special recognition. These patrons are:

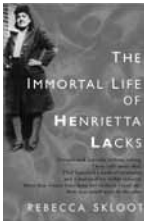
February	Louis Robinson
March	Sara Sinoski
April	Martha Sumpter
May	Robert Gillette
June	Michelle Goode
August	The Gassler Family Chris, Lori, Noah, Kristin, and Ben
September	Mary White

"Speaking of Books" @ Your Library

Let your books come alive by attending a book discussion group at the Library. Here’s your chance to read a book, tell others what you thought of it, and listen to what others have to say in a lively discussion. “Speaking of Books” meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 1 pm in the Library. No registration is necessary and light refreshments are served. Call Elisa Rollins at the Reference Desk at 455-6310 for further information.



The book for **September 21** is *The Cradle* by Patrick Somerville. This is the story of Matthew Bishop’s search for the antique cradle used by his now-pregnant wife Marissa when she herself was a baby. His journey soon confronts him with the secrets of Marissa’s family and with his own history of abandonment, neglect, and abuse amid foster homes and orphanages. Somerville’s themes of interconnectivity and the miracles of everyday existence affirm the value of forming and keeping families. This book is also available as a free ebook at vppl.lib.overdrive.com.



The book for **October 19** is *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot. Henrietta Lacks, a poor African American migrant from the tobacco farms of Virginia, died from a cruelly aggressive cancer at the age of 30 in 1951. A sample of her cancerous tissue, taken without her knowledge or consent, provided one of the holy grails of mid-century biology: human cells that could survive--even thrive--in the lab. Known as HeLa cells, they became a building block for countless medical breakthroughs, beginning with the cure for polio. Meanwhile, Lacks’s family lived in poverty and frequent poor health; their discovery decades later of her cells’ contributions left them full of pride, anger, and suspicion. Skloot tells a rich and haunting story that asks the questions, Who owns our bodies? Who carries our memories? This book is also available on CD and as a free ebook at www.vppl.lib.overdrive.com.

teens



Teen Thursdays for Middle and High School Students Only

Think the library is boring? Uncool? Dull? Then you haven’t been here lately. Join other teens who are learning that the library is a great place to be.

Registration is required and begins two weeks prior to each program.

Halloween Zombie Fashion Show
October 27th between 5:00 – 7:00 pm
Thriller Dance, Creepy Snacks, Prize for the Best Costume, and a Zombie Movie... the old-fashioned kind. No entry after the movie begins.

Breaking Dawn Party and Eclipse Movie
November 10th between 4:30 – 7:00 pm
Twilight Trivia, Prize for the Winner, Photo Op with Edward and Jacob (cut outs), plus Twilight Treats. No entry after the movie begins.

For more information, visit our website at www.lynchburgva.gov/publiclibrary or call us at 434-455-6320.

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Reference and
Information
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Youth Services
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Administration and
Technical Services
455-6330

Volunteer Program
455-6330

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November 24 & 25
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<http://lynchburgpubliclibrary.wordpress.com>



Upcoming Friends of the
Library Board Meetings

Library Board	Tuesday, November 9	4 pm	Community Room
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Visitors are always welcome at Friends of the Library meetings.